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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR DEPT OF JUSTICE (U.S. V. JACK R.

DICK)

1. FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF ABOVE SUIT, U.S.G. ACQUIRED
INTEREST IN JACK R. DICK COLLECTION. PAINTINGS WERE
CONSIGNED TO SOTHEBY'S FOR LIQUIDATION BY U.S.G. ON BEHALF
OF ITSELF AND OTHER CREDITORS. AT AUCTION OF FIRST LOT,
THERE WAS A REPRESENTATION THAT ANY PURCHASER WOULD GET
NOT ONLY A PAINTING BUT A LAWSUIT, AS THE RESULT OF THE
METHOD IN WHICH THE COLLECTION WAS ACQUIRED. U.S.G.,
THRU JUSTICE AND IRS, HELD NEWS CONFERENCE TO DISPEL
DOUBTS, AND AUCTION PROCEEDED. WHEN SECOND LOT WENT ON THE
BLOCK, JUSTICE SENT REP FROM OFFICE OF U.S. ATTORNEY FOR
SOUTHERN DIST OF N.Y. TOWARD OFF ANY SIMILAR INCIDENTS.
SINCE NONE OCCURRED, DOJ HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND ANYONE
TO SALE OF FINAL LOT, WHICH IS SET FOR 4/28/76 AT 10 P.M.
LONDON TIME. HOWEVER, DOJ WISHES U.S.G. BE REPRESENTED
AND ASKS IF CONSULAR OFFICER COULD ATTEND FOR THAT
PURPOSE.

2. IF OFFICER CAN ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT MR. PEREGRINE
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POLLEN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF SOTHEBY'S AND INFORM HIM THAT

OFFICER WILL BE ATTENDING AS REP OF U.S. AT REQUEST OF
MR. WILLIAM BRONNER, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, SDNY.
MR. POLLON HAS DEALT WITH BRONNER PREVIOUSLY BUT HAS NOT
BEEN ADVISED BY BRONNER THAT EMBOFF MAY REPRESENT U.S.

3. IN THE EVENT OF ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING U.S.
INTEREST IN COLLECTION, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT
BRONNER AT (212) 791-9153, OR MR. MATTHEW MAGNON, IRS NEW
YORK AT (212) 264-0280. SISCO

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